


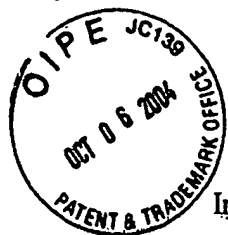
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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed May 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to JP 11-70378, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is enclosed.

As was the case with the May 14th IDS, this document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated July 30, 2004, is enclosed.

An English-language abstract for the Japanese document cited in the Japanese Office Action are enclosed. A concise explanation of relevance for this document is believed to be provided by the English-language abstract.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,408,079

JP 6-96094
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These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for the Japanese documents cited in the Japanese Office Action are enclosed. A concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be provided by the English-language abstracts. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,408,079 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of JP 6-096094.

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